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Inspection Report

Minerals Regulatory Program

February 7, 2012

Reviewed:

Mine Name: Hi Cal	Permit Number: M0230071
Operator Name: Robert Steele	Inspection Date: February 2, 2012
Inspector(s): Wayne Western	Time: 11:40 - noon
Other Participants: Jerry Mansfield BLM	Mine Status: ACT
Weather Conditions: 28 degrees F overcast skies	Last Inspection: June 24, 2010
Bond Renewal Date: 10/13/2005	Bond Amount: \$20,000.00
Surface Ownership: BLM	Mineral Ownership: BLM

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Annual Fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Concurrent Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Water Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Re-vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Purpose of Inspection:

This was a bond release inspection. The Operator applied for Phase I bond release. The Operator had completed the backfilling and grading approximately three years ago but had not applied for bond release until now.

Inspection Summary:

There was a slight snow cover on the site. Both Jerry Mansfield and Wayne Western had visited the site after backfilling and grading when there was no snow cover. The site is stable.

The findings of the June 24, 2012 inspection were that the site was eligible for Phase I bond release. The site is still stable and should be granted partial bond release. The Permittee requested full bond release. The Division cannot make a finding on vegetation cover until April. The Division will place the bond release process on hold until April 2012. If the Permittee wants a partial bond release sooner then the Permittee can apply for a partial bond release.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The Division should approve Phase I bond release.

Inspector's Signature

WHW:

cc: Robert Steele

Jerry Mansfield – BLM

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Looking east at reclaimed site



Reclaimed site boulder left for habitat



Some vegetation on site



Site has some vegetation